

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Southwest Gas Corporation for Authority to Increase Rates in San Bernardino, Placer, El Dorado, and Nevada Counties, California.

Application 02-02-012
(Filed February 13, 2002)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING DIRECTING SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION TO INCLUDE PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAM MATTERS IN COMMENTS ON PROPOSED DECISION

This ruling directs Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) to include in its comments on the Proposed Decision, appropriate costs and wording to incorporate the directives included in Decision (D.) 03-03-007, adopted March 13, 2003, regarding adjustments in Public Purpose Program Surcharges.

Although expenses for the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) and Low Income Energy Efficiency programs were removed from Southwest's estimates for Customer Accounts expenses by ruling of the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ),¹ D.03-03-007 authorizes Southwest to recover \$15,401 in ratepayer funding for CARE administrative costs, and calculate the Public Purpose Program Surcharge in Application (A.) 02-02-012.²

¹ See Proposed Decision mailed October 14, 2003, p. 23.

² D.03-03-007, pp. 38-39, and Ordering Paragraph 10 (p. 62).

In order that costs and the surcharge calculation are properly included in any decision adopted by the Commission in A.02-02-012, as well as appropriate language implementing the costs, Southwest is directed to include the necessary information in its comments on the proposed decision mailed October 14, 2003. Other parties may also include this matter in their comments.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Southwest shall include in its comments on the proposed decision mailed October 14, 2003, all necessary changes, costs and other information needed to implement the public purpose program surcharge adjustments adopted in D.03-03-007.
2. Other parties may include this matter in their comments.

Dated October 23, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Bruce DeBerry
Bruce DeBerry
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Directing Southwest Gas Corporation to Include Public Purpose Program Matters in Comments on Proposed Decision on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 23, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen
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